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**SUBJECT** Canyon Disposition Initiative Team Meeting

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The purpose of the above meeting was to discuss the approach for presenting the canyon disposition strategy (canyon initiative) at the upcoming Hanford Advisory Board (HAB) meeting and to determine any necessary scope changes to ensure success of the project to support plans for entombment with waste disposal in FY 1999.

It was decided that the presentation to the HAB should focus on communicating the status of the project and the canyon entombment concept paper written by Westinghouse Hanford Company (WHC) to obtain advice on pursuing the canyon initiative as a time dependent alternative (entombment with waste disposal). The status of the project as of July 1, 1996, was provided to all present at the meeting to allow comment on the progress of the initiative to determine if any scoping changes were necessary.

Summary of canyon initiative status:

- All pros and cons have been identified for all canyon disposition alternatives
- Preliminary identification of all technical and regulatory issues are complete; no show-stoppers have been identified
- Main potential regulatory pathways have been identified
- Pros and cons as to which canyon should be chosen as a pilot have been identified and reviewed
- U-Plant has been identified as the pilot canyon

Comments were provided that the initiative was not moving as fast as expected and specific deliverables were not identified in the canyon disposition strategy project plan. All present at the meeting agreed that the following two deliverables must be added to obtain a definitive decision to provide planning direction of the canyon initiative.

Deliverable 1, Agreement in Principle (AIP) between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) shall include:

- Identification of a recommended regulatory pathway for disposition of all the canyons
- Agreement of U-Plant as the pilot project
- Viable alternatives for disposition of all canyons, including entombment of the standing structure with internal and external waste disposal
- Agreement to proceed with U-Plant pilot project to issue a formal Record of Decision by FY 1998 to support the time dependent alternative - entombment with waste disposal

Deliverable 2, Lifecycle Project Management Plan (PMP). The PMP must identify all tasks required to support a decision for disposition of U-Plant with emphasis on entombment with waste disposal by 1999. The PMP must be finalized and submitted no later than August 30, 1996, for support in FY 1997 budget planning.